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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Gerard Smith and the Question of Verification in NATO

REFERENCE : Attached memorandums of 5 and 11 November 1969

1. Gen. John Davis called today to tell me that Gerry Smith has a letter in draft that he proposes to send to Ray Cline, Ron Spiers, and George Springsteen. It proposes: 1) to ask the NSAM 156 Committee to review the level of classification now applied [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and 2) to offer to present a series of briefings (presumably [REDACTED] if not illustrated) to the NAC and the Perm Reps.

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2. All of this is in the interest of "confidence building" in NATO. I judge from what Davis tells me that this is what Gerry Smith wants to salvage from his earlier idea of a Verification Planning Group in NATO. That idea had a cold reception here, and in INR when it was tried on Cline. The "series of briefings" idea was, I understand, Cline's counterproposal.

3. I told Davis that I thought the proposals as described over the phone would be of considerable interest to the Director, that we had expected Gerry Smith to come back to us on this general subject, and that Smith might want to consider getting the Director's views before he goes much further with his memo. Davis said that he would speak to Gerry Smith about this on Monday, and that Smith might be calling the Director on this subject.

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